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**LUIS PADILLA NAMED DEPUTY REGIONAL ATTORNEY
IN THE NLRB'S PUERTO RICO REGIONAL OFFICE**

Arthur F. Rosenfeld, General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, today announced the appointment of Luis F. Padilla as Deputy Regional Attorney in the agency's Hato Rey, PR Regional Office (Region 24). Mr. Padilla had been serving as a Supervisory Attorney in the Puerto Rico office.

In his new position, he will assist Regional Director Marta Figueroa and Regional Attorney Efrain Rivera-Vega in supervising attorneys and field examiners in the processing of unfair labor practice charges and representation petitions arising in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. In enforcing this law, the NLRB conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and investigates, prosecutes and remedies unfair labor practices committed by employers and unions.

In announcing the appointment, General Counsel Rosenfeld stated:

Luis Padilla is eminently qualified for this position. As Deputy Regional Attorney, he will provide invaluable assistance to the Region and, in particular, its litigation program.

Mr. Padilla began his NLRB career in 1976 as a Field Attorney in the agency's Chicago, IL Regional Office (Region 13). He transferred to the Puerto Rico Office in 1977, where he remained until 1982, when he resigned his Supervisory Attorney position to enter private practice in San Juan, PR. After representing labor and management clients in the labor/employment area, Mr. Padilla rejoined Region 24 as a Supervisory Attorney in August 2002.

A native of Camuy, PR, Mr. Padilla was raised in Gary, IN. He received his B.A. degree in 1973 from Indiana University in Bloomington, IN and his J. D. degree in 1975 from the University of Wisconsin Law School. He is a member of the Wisconsin and Puerto Rico Bar Associations.

Mr. Padilla and his wife Nancy have two children, Luis (23) and Elimar (22).

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